

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the incorporation by reference of a § 119 priority document in the specification. Incorporation by reference of a document to establish an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 119 as set forth in this application is proper under M.P.E.P. 608.01(p)(B). This objection is improper, therefore, and should be withdrawn. The Examiner's objection to an informality on page 6 of the specification is obviated because Applicants have amended page 6 to correct this informality.

Applicants have amended FIG. 5 to include the legend "PRIOR ART," thereby obviating the objection to Fig. 5.

Applicants respectfully traverse the § 102(e) rejection of claims 1 and 3, and the § 103(a) rejection of claims 2 and 4, both under Ogawa. Ogawa discloses a door frame wherein a frame structure portion 23 has an outer sash 41 and an upper frame portion 25. Structure portion 23 has two pieces. Outer sash 41 is mounted on upper frame portion 25, thereby closing an opening defined by a U-shaped portion of the upper frame 25. Outer sash 41 also has a molding attachment point 80, having an extension portion 31 and edge 82. Edge 82 has a straight portion 83, first erected portion 84, second erected portion 85 and edge body 86. Outer surface portion 43 is mounted on an outside of edge part 82. In summary, the door frame is made of three layered plates, *i.e.*, straight portion 83, edge body 86, and outer surface portion 43.

In contrast, the door frame of the present invention has a single piece roll bent frame with a flange portion, and an outer surface portion engaged with the flange portion, so that the door frame is formed by only two separate plates. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly reflect this aspect of the invention. This structure provides several advantages, including reduced door weight. This structure, as recited in

independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-4, is neither anticipated by, nor suggested by Ogawa, and so Ogawa cannot achieve the advantages of the invention.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Attachments: Replacement Sheet for FIG. 5